

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-19 are pending herein. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to address matters of form. New independent claim 18 has been added as supported by Fig. 1A and page 8, lines 4-9 of the present application, for example. New independent claim 19 has been added as supported by Fig. 1A and page 8, lines 20-24 of the present application, for example.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 1-17 would be allowed if rewritten in compliance with §112, second paragraph.

The rejection of claims 1-17 under §112, second paragraph is noted, but deemed moot in view of the rewritten claims submitted above. Applicant confirms that the subject matter of claims 1 and 2, as amended, relates to a ceramic member. The subject matter recited in new independent claims 18 and 19 include a ceramic member and a reactor.

Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims herein are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to issue a Notice of Allowance for this application in due course.

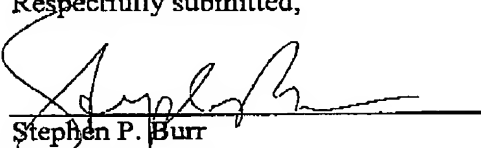
If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicant's attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call Applicant's attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

Respectfully submitted,

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